

PROPOSED

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2128

(Reference to printed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 17-201, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 17-201. Game and fish department; game and fish commission;
5 members; appointment; removal; meetings

6 A. The laws of ~~the~~ THIS state relating to wildlife shall be
7 administered by the game and fish department. Control of the department is
8 vested in the game and fish commission. The commission shall consist of five
9 members, appointed by the governor pursuant to section 38-211. Not more than
10 three members shall be members of the same political party, and no two
11 members may be residents of the same county. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 38-212,
12 THE GOVERNOR SHALL NOT APPOINT A PERSON AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION WITHOUT
13 VERIFYING TO THE SENATE THAT THE NOMINEE HAS A CONTINUOUS RECORDED
14 REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO TITLE 16, CHAPTER 1 WITH THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY OR
15 AS AN INDEPENDENT FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE
16 APPOINTMENT.

17 B. Members OF THE COMMISSION shall be well informed on the subject of
18 wildlife and requirements for its conservation AND MUST DEMONSTRATE TO THE
19 SENATE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE FOR AT LEAST TEN OF THE
20 PRECEDING FIFTEEN YEARS. AT LEAST FOUR OF THE COMMISSIONERS MUST DEMONSTRATE
21 TO THE SENATE ON APPOINTMENT THAT THEY HAVE HELD A VALID HUNTING, FISHING OR
22 COMBINATION HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE IN THIS STATE FOR AT LEAST FIVE OF
23 THE PRECEDING SEVEN YEARS.

24 C. Appointments shall be for a term of five years, OR FIVE YEARS PLUS
25 THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM PRECEDING THE FIVE-YEAR APPOINTMENT, and
26 shall expire on the third Monday in January of the appropriate year. AN
27 APPLICANT MUST APPLY TO FILL AN EXPIRING TERM OF A MEMBER NOT LATER THAN
28 NOVEMBER 30 OF THE YEAR PRECEDING THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM. THIS DEADLINE

1 DOES NOT APPLY TO APPLICATIONS TO FILL A VACANCY CAUSED OTHER THAN BY
2 EXPIRATION OF A TERM FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

3 D. APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMISSION ARE PUBLIC RECORDS
4 AND SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR
5 GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS. THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE SHALL MAKE ALL APPLICATIONS
6 AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION NOT LATER THAN THE SECOND WEEK IN DECEMBER
7 BEFORE APPOINTMENT OR IMMEDIATELY IN THE CASE OF APPLICATIONS TO FILL A
8 VACANCY CAUSED OTHER THAN BY EXPIRATION OF A TERM FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

9 B. ~~E. The governor may,~~ After A public hearing, THE GOVERNOR MAY
10 remove a member for inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct in
11 office. ~~Upon~~ ON removal of a member the governor shall file in the office of
12 the secretary of state a complete statement of all charges made against the
13 members and ~~his~~ THE GOVERNOR'S findings ~~thereon~~, together with a complete
14 record of the proceedings.

15 C. F. Each member of the commission while attending general or
16 specific meetings of the commission or while performing official duties for
17 the commission shall receive compensation as determined pursuant to section
18 38-611. A commission member who is otherwise employed as a public officer
19 shall not receive such payment if it is prohibited by law. Compensation and
20 expenses shall be paid monthly from the game and fish fund.

21 D. G. The commission shall have its principal office at the state
22 capitol but meetings may be held at any time or place ~~within the~~ IN THIS
23 state. The commission shall meet at least once quarterly. Meetings may be
24 held at the call of the chairman or majority of the commission. A majority
25 of the commission shall constitute a quorum to transact business."

26 Amend title to conform

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